MIAMI, FL (July 17, 2001) – Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA) announced recently that two of its students—Paola Zuñiga and Wah Chang—won Awards of Excellence at the Delta Epsilon Chi’s National Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA. Zuñiga and Chang are members of the CBA’s Delta Epsilon Chi Chapter. Their accomplishments testify to the high-caliber of the College’s educational program and to its commitment to fostering student excellence.

Conference judges honored Zuñiga by naming her among the “Top 10 in the Nation” in the “Marketing Management” category. Chang received an Award of Excellence in “The National Management Institute” competition. Winning was a daunting task. Zuñiga and Chang competed with more than 1,800 students from around the country. The panel of judges selected winners based on participants’ interviews, the presentation and defense of their papers, and comprehensive examinations.

“My involvement in Delta Epsilon Chi prepared me for what was a grueling competition,” Zuñiga said. “It was fierce, but we were ready for it.”

This was the inaugural year for the FIU Delta Epsilon Chi Chapter, a post-secondary, co-curricular, student-centered organization that boasts chapters throughout the U.S. and its four territories and Canada. The organization designs activities that will motivate students by teaching them marketing, management, merchandising and other entrepreneurial competencies. Students are thus prepared for careers in middle- to upper-level management in the private sector as well as in education and non-profit organizations.

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The organization is supported by a Congressional Advisory Board consisting of some 32 U.S. Senators and Congressmen and a National Advisory Board with representatives from business and non-profit organizations such as Wal-Mart, Publix, Procter & Gamble, Coca-Cola, Hilton Hotels and Red Lobster. Each chapter is self-financing and each member has the chance to participate in leadership roles at the state and national levels.

“I am extremely proud of both Paola and Wah,” said CBA Dean Dr. Joyce Elam. “They are two of examples of the type of students we have at the College. Their achievements set a standard of excellence for all to follow.”

Zuñiga attends FIU at the University Park, where she is a junior majoring in management and slated to graduate in summer, 2002. She serves as Delta Epsilon Chi Chapter president and state secretary. Chang is a junior, but has not yet committed to a specific major within the College.

Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), South Florida’s business education leader with unique expertise in international business and information technology (IT), is the second largest of FIU’s 16 schools and colleges, enrolling approximately 3,800 undergraduate and more than 900 graduate students each year. One of only 405 business schools in the world accredited by the AACSB--International, the College offers the 8th largest part-time MBA program among this group and its IT faculty has been ranked among the top 20 (11th) in the U.S. in terms of their research productivity. It is one of only 28 business schools to have received a Department of Education grant to establish and support a Center for International Business Education and Research.

For more information about the CBA, call (305) 348-6631 or visit the College’s website at www.fiu.edu/~cba.